Financial assistance for rehabilitation of displaced Textile Workers in Gujarat

1006. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended any financial assistance to Gujarat for rehabilitation of displaced textile mill workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contract Labour in IBP, Calcutta

1007. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract labour engaged in prohibitory category of sweeping and cleaning job in IBP Company Housing at Calcutta under the garb of House keeping;

(b) if so, whether the IBP, Company limited retrenched the workmen after complaint with the respective Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta; and

(c) whether Government will direct the company for their immediate re-instatement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-payment of wages and P.F. to Security Workers by IOC contractor

1008. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about non-payment of wages to the 41 security workers under contract of Indian Oil Corporation (Marketing Division), Calcutta Establishment, Budge Budge (24 Pargana, West Bengal) and also provident fund dues from 1991 to February, 1996;

(b) if so, whether appropriate steps have been taken in terms of law against the Corporation and principal employer (Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.); and

(c) whether Government will direct immediate payment of wages and P.F. dues to the workers by the Indian Oil Corporation and contractor respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Workers Union of Indian Oil Corporation Limited made a complaint to the Office of the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta regarding the non-payment of wages to certain category of workers.

The Office of Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta deputed an officer of the rank of Labour Enforcement Officer to take necessary action in the matter. The concerned officer visited the workplace on 17.5.96 but could not do the needful as the workers did not turn up to receive their payment despite the prior notice to that effect. It was later learnt that workers did not turn up to receive the payment presumably for the reason that they wanted the payment of wages without any deduction towards Provident Fund and Employees' State Insurance, which is a necessity as per the provisions of the relevant Acts.

However, the information regarding the non-payment of provident fund dues and the steps taken in this regard, is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Determination of wages of labourers in unorganised sector

1009. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reasonably and rationally

determine the wages of the labourers in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details and results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The wages of the workers in the unorganised sectors of employment are fixed under Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Under the Act both the Central and State Governments are the appropriate Governments for fixation of minimum rates of wages for scheduled employments falling under their respective jurisdiction. There is no uniform criteria for fixation of minimum wages and various socio-economic factors influencing the wage rates are taken into account for fixing the wages by the appropriate Government.

बाल श्रम को रोकने के लिए कानून

1010. **श्री नागमणि:**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव:

क्या **श्रम** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में सर्वाधिक संख्या में बाल श्रमिक हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि बाल श्रम को रोकने के लिये बनाए गए कानून असफल हो गए हैं, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० पी० वीरेन्द्र कुमार): (क) से (ग) जैसा कि अ०श्र०सं० द्वारा प्रकाशित विश्व श्रम रिपोर्ट 1992 द्वारा सूचित किया गया है भारत में संभवतः श्रम जीवी बच्चों की संख्या सर्वाधिक है। तथापि, 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार भारत में श्रमजीवी बच्चों की कुल संख्या 1981 की जनगणना में 13.6 मिलियन के आंकड़े की तुलना में 11.28 मिलियन है।

बाल श्रम (प्रतिषेध और विनियमन) अधिनियम 1986 के अंतर्गत बच्चों का नियोजन अधिनियम की अनुसूचि के भाग अ और ब में सन्निहित 7 व्यवसायों और 18 प्रक्रियाओं में प्रतिबद्ध है। विभिन्न अन्य श्रम कानूनों में भी श्रमजीवी बच्चों के हितों की सुरक्षा के कानूनी उपबंध हैं। कानूनी उपायों के अलावा, सरकार ने जोखिमकारी व्यवसायों में कार्यरत बाल श्रमिकों को हटाने और उनके पुनर्वास के लिए उपाय किए हैं। अब तक 1.05 लाख बच्चों को पुनर्वांतित करने के लिए विशेष स्कूलों में दाखिला दिलाया गया है। उच्चतम न्यायालय ने भी समस्या से निपटने के उद्देश्य से हाल ही में अनेक निदेश दिए हैं। सरकार ने उच्चतम न्यायालय के निदेशों के क्रियान्वयन के लिए पहले ही कदम उठाए हैं। बाल श्रम (प्रतिषेध और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1986 को और कड़ा एवं कारगर बनाने के लिए संशोधन हेतु कुछ सुझाव दिए गए हैं। जबकि संशोधन प्रस्तावों को अन्तिम रूप देते समय इन सुझावों को ध्यान में रखा जाएगा, फिर भी राज्य सरकारों को विद्यमान कानूनों को और कारगर ढंग से क्रियान्वित करने की सलाह दी गई है।

Check on activities of the manpower exporters

1011. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licenced manpower exporters operating in the country and the manpower exported by them during the last three years by top ten agencies, agency-wise;

(b) the present Regulatory Authority and mechanism in operating to regulate the activities of the manpower exporters;

(c) whether Government have initiated stern measures to curb illegal migration executed through licenced manpower exporters alongwith others the details of complaints proved during 1996-97 and the names of companies blacklisted and punishment awarded; and

(d) the names of the Agencies against whom investigations are in progress for their alleged involvement in irregularities committed and steps taken to tighten vigilance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Since the